

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: COON CREEK TELEPHONE COMPANY AND COON CREEK TELECOMMUNICATIONS	DOCKET NOS. TCU-99-42 TF-99-335 TF-99-336
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**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, GRANTING APPLICATION FOR
AMENDMENT OF CERTIFICATE, AND APPROVING TARIFFS**

(Issued February 10, 2000)

On December 10, 1999, Coon Creek Telephone Company (Coon Creek) and Coon Creek Telecommunications (Coon Creek Tel) jointly filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for amendment of Coon Creek's certificate of public convenience and necessity identified as Certificate No. 0005. The parties requested the Board amend Coon Creek's certificate to remove the exchanges of Belle Plaine and Marengo. Coon Creek filed a proposed tariff identified as TF-99-335 that deletes those two exchanges from its service territory.

At the same time, the parties applied for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to be issued to Coon Creek Tel, a wholly owned subsidiary of Coon Creek. In the application for certificate, Coon Creek Tel requested the Board grant it a certificate to provide local exchange service in the Belle Plaine and Marengo exchanges, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29. Coon Creek Tel filed a tariff identified as TF-99-336, and stated it concurs in the exchange maps of GTE Midwest

Incorporated for the Belle Plaine and Marengo exchanges. Coon Creek Tel also stated it will provide 2 PIC equal access service.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Board finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with the public interest." The Board has carefully reviewed the application and finds Coon Creek Tel has the requisite technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to Coon Creek Tel. The Board has reviewed the tariff and finds it substantially complies with the Board's rules and the service proposed to be rendered by Coon Creek Tel. Pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1999), the Board will issue a certificate to Coon Creek Tel simultaneously with issuance of this order.

The Board will also grant Coon Creek's application to amend its certificate to remove the exchanges of Belle Plaine and Marengo from its certificate. There will be no discontinuance of service for the Belle Plaine and Marengo customers because they will be transferred to Coon Creek Tel. The Board will approve Coon Creek's tariff and issue an amended certificate to Coon Creek simultaneously with issuance of this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Coon Creek Telecommunications on December 10, 1999, identified as Docket No. TCU-99-42, is granted.

2. The tariff filing, identified as TF-99-336, filed by Coon Creek Telecommunications on December 10, 1999, and Coon Creek Telecommunications' concurrence in exchange maps are approved.

3. A certificate, identified as Certificate No. 0208, is issued to Coon Creek Telecommunications with this order.

4. The application to amend certificate and the tariff, identified as TF-99-335, filed by Coon Creek Telephone Company on December 10, 1999, are approved.

5. An amended certificate will issue for Coon Creek Telephone Company with this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 10th day of February, 2000.